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TAGS: PFOR PORG LE YE LY

SUBJ: GOL AGREES TO ARAB LEAGUE MEETING

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1. SUMMARY: LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTER TUREIKI CLAIMS HE HAS  
OBTAINED GOL'S ACQUIESCENCE IN AN ARAB LEAGUE SUMMIT MEETING,  
TENTATIVELY SET TO TAKE PLACE JULY 20, PRECEDED BY A FOREIGN  
MINISTERS' CONFERENCE JULY 16, BUT GOL ACQUIESCENCE CONDITIONAL

ON GENERAL ARAB SUPPORT. END SUMMARY.

2. LIBYAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ABDESSALAM TUREIKI PAID ONE-DAY VISIT TO BEIRUT JUNE 17, COMING FROM DAMASCUS AND AMMAN, AND PROCEEDING TO KUWAIT, SAUDI ARABIA, AND THE UAE. HE MET WITH PRESIDENT SARKIS, PRIME MINISTER AL-HOSS AND FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTROS. ACCORDING TO L'ORIENT-LE JOUR JUNE 18, ON HIS DEPARTURE TUREIKI INDICATED, "WITHOUT BEING COMPLETELY AFFIRMATIVE," THAT LEBANON AS WELL AS SEVEN OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SYRIA AND JORDAN HAD AGREED TO A NEW ARAB LEAGUE SUMMIT MEETING AT TRIPOLI JULY 20, PROPOSED BY COLONEL QADHAFI. L'ORIENT JUNE 19 REPORTS THAT KUWAIT AS WELL HAS AGREED TO THE MEETING.

3. GOL ATTITUDE. ON TUREIKI'S DEPARTURE, FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTROS SAID THAT LEBANON REGARDS THE PROPOSED MEETING AS "CONDUCTIVE TO INTER-ARAB UNDERSTANDING" AND HOPED THAT WHAT-EVER DECISIONS WERE TAKEN AT IT WOULD BE UNANIMOUS. PRIME MINISTER AL-HOSS JUNE 18 EXPRESSED SIMILAR VIEWS. FROM KHALIL HADDAD, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL OF THE PRESIDENCE, WE UNDERSTAND GOL ACQUIESCENCE IS BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT ALL AL STATES AGREE TO MEETING. ON JUNE 21 FONMIN BOUTROS TOLD HADDAD THAT GOL WOULD SUPPORT MEETING ONLY IF IT WERE ORGANIZED IN A "GOOD SPIRIT AND ACCORD AMONG THE ARABS." GIVEN EGYPTIAN DEMURRAL (AFP 19 JUNE), GOL NOW REGARDS SUMMIT MEETING AS UNLIKELY IN ANY CASE.

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